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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicants' amendment, filed 8 August 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-9, 20 and 24-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Preliminary Amendment

1. The Applicants' preliminary amendment, filed 8 August 2005, has been received, entered into the record, and considered.
2. Based on the amendment, claims 2 and 20 have been amended. Claims 2-9, 20 and 24-26 remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-9, 20 and 24-26 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Krueger et al. (U.S. Patent 5,634,050) teaches a method for managing memory in a block-erasable, flash-erasable, programmable, read-only memory.

Freeman et al. (U.S. Patent 6,108,285) teaches a directory structure for WORM optical media which supports multi-level tree structures containing several paths.

Krueger et al. (U.S. Patent 6,256,642) teaches a method for memory management of a block of flash-Eprom.

Garfinkel et al. ("A File System for Write-Only Media") teaches a proposed file system standard for use with write-once media such as digital compact disks.

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Garfinkel ("DRAFT: The Story of the Write Once File System") teaches two file systems which were designed for use with write-once media: the Compact Disk File System (CDFS) and the Write Once File System (WOFS).

Gait ("The Optical File Cabinet: A Random-Access File System for Write-Once Optical Disks") teaches a random access file system for write-once optical disks.

Levy et al. ("A File Structure for Non-Erasable Media") teaches a file system that has been designed such that is adapted to the peculiarities of write-once optical disk storage media.

Quinlan ("A Cached WORM File System") teaches a general-purpose file system that uses a write-once-read-many (WORM) optical disk accessed via a magnetic disk cache.

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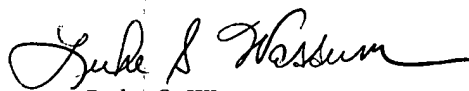
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luke S. Wassum whose telephone number is 571-272-4119. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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